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The Honorable Tina Smith
United States Senate
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The Honorable Mike Rounds
United States Senate
716 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Smith and Rounds:

I write to you today on behalf of the National Association of Federally-Insured Credit Unions (NAFCU) to thank you and your cosponsors for your leadership in introducing S. 869, the CDFI Bond Guarantee Program Improvement Act. As you know, NAFCU advocates for all federally-insured not-for-profit credit unions that, in turn, serve over 135 million consumers with personal and small business financial service products. To date, the Bond Guarantee Program has provided more than \$2 billion in guarantees to support lending and investment in underserved communities.

NAFCU appreciates Congress's continued support for community development financial institutions (CDFIs). Many credit unions are also CDFIs, and as such are invaluable resources for the underserved communities where they are located. Congress has long recognized the importance of CDFIs and increased funding for both the CDFI Fund and the Community Development Revolving Loan Fund. In addition to these resources, the CDFI Bond Guarantee Program provides a valuable line of long-term capital to CDFIs through the Federal Financing Bank. Your legislation to reduce the minimum loan amount would have an immediate and positive impact on CDFIs and the communities they serve.

We thank you once again for introducing this important legislation and look forward to continuing to work with you on strengthening CDFIs and their communities. Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please contact me or Lewis Plush, NAFCU's Senior Associate Director of Legislative Affairs, at (703) 258-4981 or lplush@nafcu.org.

Sincerely,

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